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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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GUNTER, C.

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ABUNDANCE OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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